

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS

DISTRICT 49-A, MULTIPLE DISTRICT 49

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

As adopted at District 49-A Convention

April 25th, 2009

Fairbanks, Alaska

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

Name

SECTION 1. This organization shall be known as District 49-A of Multiple District 49 International Association of Lions Clubs, hereafter referred to as “District 49-A”.

ARTICLE II

Objects

SECTION 1. To provide an administrative structure with which to advance the purposes and objectives of Multiple District 49 and the International Association of Lions Clubs in this District.

ARTICLE III

Membership

SECTION 1. The members of this organization shall be all The Lions Clubs and its Lion members, in good standing, as chartered by the International Association of Lions Clubs.

SECTION 2. The District may be subdivided into Regions commensurate with the guidelines of the International Association of Lions Clubs. This option rests with the presiding District Governor and the Cabinet Officers of the District.

SECTION 3. The District shall be subdivided into Zones commensurate with the guidelines of the International Association of Lions Clubs.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

SECTION 1. The officers of the District shall be members in good standing of Lions Clubs in good standing within the District.

ARTICLE V

Cabinet

SECTION 1. There shall be a cabinet to administer the operations of the District on behalf of the Lions Clubs and Lion Members belonging to the District. The Cabinet shall consist of the District Governor, First Vice District, Second Vice District Governor, Region Person(optional), Immediate Past District Governor, Zone Person and a Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer or Secretary and Treasurer.

SECTION 2a. The District Governor, First Vice District Governor, and Second Vice District Governor shall be elected to their respective positions at the annual convention of District 49-A by Delegates seated at the annual convention.

2b). The Region Person (optional) shall be elected at the annual convention of District 49-A. The Region Person shall be titled Region Administrator per Region in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of Multiple District 49 and the International Association of Lions Clubs.

2c). The Immediate Past District Governor shall automatically assume a position on the Cabinet for continuity purposes.

2d). The remaining positions shall be appointed by the District Governor with two/ thirds majority vote by the Cabinet for approval.

2e). All members of the Cabinet so listed shall have voting status on all matters brought before the Cabinet.

SECTION 3. The personal presence of a majority of the Cabinet shall constitute a quorum at any meeting thereof, provided that each Region (optional) is represented.

SECTION 4. The Cabinet shall hold regular scheduled meetings throughout the administrative year in accordance with the directives of the International Association of Lions Clubs. The District Governor through the auspices of the District Secretary shall issue notice of meetings 45 days in advance of said Cabinet meetings. Special Cabinet meetings may be held with 10 days notice of said special meeting to handle one specific issue before the Cabinet. Quorum requirements remain in effect for any special Cabinet meeting.

SECTION 5. Any member of the Cabinet that may become disabled or deceased, their position shall be replaced by submission to the Cabinet by the Governor and approved by the Cabinet.

SECTION 6. All appointed positions may be removed from office or position by recommendation of the District Governor and approved by two-thirds of the Cabinet.

ARTICLE VI

District Convention

SECTION 1. The annual convention of the district shall be held in conjunction with the Multiple District Convention

SECTION 2. The voting members of the Cabinet shall be the officers of the Annual District Convention.

SECTION 3. At each annual convention the registered and certified delegates of each Lions Club within the District shall constitute the ruling body of that annual convention.

ARTICLE VII

Delegates

SECTION 1a. Each Chartered Lions Club in good standing in the District, Multiple District and the International Association of Lions Clubs may be represented by one or more delegates at the Annual Convention of the District and shall be entitled in each such convention to one (1) voting delegate and one (1) alternate for each ten (10) members or major fraction thereof, who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day in the Club as shown by the records of the International Office on the first day of the month preceding that month during which the convention is held. Each certified delegate present may cast one (1) vote only for each duly nominated candidate, and one (1) vote only on each issue to be voted on by the members of the said convention unless otherwise specified herein, the affirmative vote of the majority of the delegates voting, unless specified herein, on any issue shall be the act of the Convention.

1b. The District Governor and any Past District Governor attending a Convention of this District who is a member in good standing of a Lions Club in good standing in the District shall be granted full delegate status, independent of the herein specified Club Delegate quota.

SECTION 2. A majority of the certified delegates in attendance of any session of the District shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 3. A Lions Club in good standing shall mean that all International accounts, Multiple District accounts and District accounts are current and all required reports are complete and up to date to the District and International Association of Lions Clubs.

ARTICLE VIII

Mid-Winter Conference

SECTION 1. A mid-winter conference shall be held in conjunction with the second Cabinet meeting of the District.

SECTION 2a. Purpose of the mid-winter conference is to provide the attendees with information and training for the good of the order as presented by the International Association of Lions Clubs, the Multiple District, and the Sub-District.

2b. No order of business shall be conducted requiring a vote by the attendees of the mid-winter conference.

ARTICLE IX

Conflicts

SECTION 1. If any **ARTICLE(S)** or **SECTION(S)** of this Constitution should be in conflict with the Constitution & By-Laws of the Multiple District and The international Association of Lions Clubs, the provisions of those Constitution & By-Laws shall prevail.

ARTICLE X

Amendments

SECTION 1. This Constitution may be amended only at a District Convention by resolution reported by the Convention Committee on Constitution & By-Laws and adopted by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes of the certified delegates seated at said Convention.

SECTION 2. No amendments shall be so reported or voted upon unless the same shall have been passed by a majority vote of a local Board of Directors present of a Lions Club in good standing within the District. Such proposed amendment(s) shall be forwarded to the District Governor by the sponsoring Club forty-five (45) days prior to the annual Mid-Winter Conference for District Cabinet recommendations of “Unconditional Pass”, “Pass on Condition that.....”, or “Do Not Pass”. Proposed recommendations with Cabinet recommendations and any other comments or changes made by the sponsoring Lions Club per Cabinet recommendations shall then be forwarded by that Club to the District Chairman of the Constitution & By-Laws Committee by certified or registered mail not less than ninety (90) days prior to the convening date of the District Convention. The Constitution & By-Laws Committee shall then mail copies of the proposed amendments to each Lions Club within the District not less than forty-five (45) days prior to the convening of the Annual Convention along with notice that each amendment will be voted on at said Convention by secret ballot.

SECTION 3. Each amendment passed shall take effect at the close of the Convention at which adopted unless otherwise specified in the amendment.

SECTION 4. It shall be the responsibility of the District Governor elected at the time a Constitution and/or By-Laws amended is passed, to have the Constitution & By-Laws updated, incorporating the amendment(s) and distribute the updated Constitution & By-Laws to each Lions Club within the District and to each Past District Governor of the District within sixty days (60) of the effective date of the amendment.